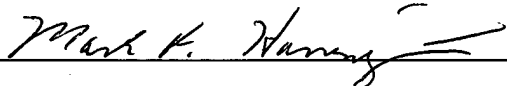


REMARKS

Claims 18-20 have been converted from dependent form into independent form. In view of the Decision On Appeal of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed 08/31/2005 these claims should now be in condition for allowance. Claim 13 has been cancelled. The dependency of claims 14-16 has been changed to claim 18. With the entry of this amendment the application should be in condition for allowance.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



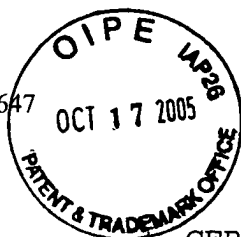
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